

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A housing for an interactive computer system, comprising:
 - a tabletop having an ~~interior~~ an opening there through;
 - a display oriented to be viewed ~~from over~~ through the opening in the tabletop and displaying an image thereon;
 - a frame ~~within the interior of~~ located below the tabletop and supporting the display;
 - a viewing orientation selector changing the viewing orientation of the display image independent of the display; and
 - a base for supporting at least a portion of the tabletop and the frame, the base having a first end, a second end and a hollow section disposed between the first and second ends in which the frame is located, the hollow section adapted for receiving a cord including at least one of: a network communication line, a telecommunications line and or an electrical transmission line; and
~~wherein the tabletop further including an opening for receiving the cord from the base.~~
2. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned to allow the display to be oriented in a substantially vertical alignment compared to the tabletop.
3. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned to allow the display to be oriented at a predetermined angle from a seating position of the tabletop.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:
the cord, wherein the cord provides at least one of electrical power and or display data to the display.
6. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:
at least one of: a water-resistant, a water-proof and or water-tight surface disposed above over the opening in the tabletop for enclosing the display within the tabletop.
7. (Original) The housing of claim 6, wherein the surface is substantially flat.
8. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 6, wherein the surface comprises at least one of: a transparent and or a translucent material through which the display may be viewed.
9. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 4, wherein the frame is arranged further provided for supporting a computer.
10. (Original) The housing of claim 9, further comprising the computer.
11. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
the cord, and wherein the cord provides at least one of electrical power and or network data to the computer.

12. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein the cord is further provided for transmitting network data from the computer.

13. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 10, further comprising: an input device for transmitting command data to the computer, the command data being entered by a user.

14. (Original) The housing of claim 13, wherein the input device is a keyboard.

15. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the keyboard is disposed within the tabletop.

16. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 14, wherein the keyboard is disposed within at least one of: a water-proof, a water-tight, and or a water-resistant covering.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is a lockout device for preventing at least one of: a change in a viewing orientation of the display and or an input from a second input device.

19. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is a receiver for receiving wireless input signals from a remote device.

20. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is at least one of a touch pad, a touch-screen, a mouse and or a camera.
21. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
an output device including at least one of: a speaker, a television signal receiver, a radio signal receiver and or a printer.
22. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
a currency acceptor for accepting a currency value from at least one of: a deposited coin, a deposited currency note, a credit card, a debit card, a smart card, a telephone calling card, a financial account identifier and or a pre-paid telephone card, the currency acceptor for transmitting the currency value to the computer as a payment for a service.
23. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 22, wherein the service includes at least one of:
an Internet access, a rental of an input device, a rental of a game, a restaurant bill, and or a product ordered through the computer.
24. (Original) The housing of claim 10, wherein the computer comprises a communication port operatively connected to the cord for transmitting data between the computer and a network.

25. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 24, wherein the network comprises at least one of:

a local-area network, a wide-area network, an Internet ~~and~~ or an Intranet.

26. (Original) The housing of claim 25, wherein the computer receives access limitation data from a server connected to the network.

27. (Original) The housing of claim 10, wherein the computer stores user login data for a predetermined time.

28. (Original) The housing of claim 27, wherein the predetermined time is substantially a difference between a user login time and a user logoff time.

29. (Original) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:
the cord for connecting the display to a remote server; and
an input device connected to the remote server via the cord, the cord for transmitting a command signal from the input device to the remote server and for transmitting a display signal from the remote server to the display.

30. (Original) The housing of claim 1, further comprising:
a telephone operatively connected to the cord.

31. (Currently Amended) An interactive computer system, comprising:
a tabletop;
a display disposed within the tabletop for providing an image; and
a viewing orientation selector for changing an orientation of the image independent of the display to accommodate a plurality of seating positions.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the display has a substantially vertical alignment in comparison to the tabletop.

33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the display is oriented at a predetermined angle from a seating position of the tabletop.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, further comprising: at least one of: a water-proof, a water-resistant and or a water-tight surface disposed above the tabletop for enclosing the display within the tabletop.

35. (Original) The housing of claim 34, wherein the surface is substantially flat.

36. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 34, wherein the surface comprises at least one of: a transparent and or a translucent material, with the display visible there through.

37. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising the computer.

38. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 37, further comprising:
an input device for transmitting command data to the computer, the command data being entered by a user.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a keyboard.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the keyboard is disposed within the tabletop.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39, wherein the keyboard is disposed within at least one of: a water-proof, a water-resistant and or a water-tight covering.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a lockout device for preventing at least one of: a change in the orientation of the image and or an input from a second input device.

43. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a receiver for receiving wireless input signals from a remote device.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is at least one of a touch pad, a touch-screen and or a camera.

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
an output device including at least one of: a speaker, a television signal receiver, a radio signal receiver ~~and~~ or a printer.

46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
a currency acceptor for accepting a currency value from at least one of: a deposited coin, a deposited currency note, a credit card, a debit card, a smart card, a telephone calling card, a financial account identifier ~~and~~ or a pre-paid telephone card, the currency acceptor ~~for~~ transmitting the currency value to the computer as a payment for a service.

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46, wherein the service includes at least one of:
an Internet access, a rental of an input device, a rental of a game, a restaurant bill, ~~and~~ or a product ordered through the computer.

48. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the computer comprises a communication port operatively connected to a cord for transmitting data between the computer and a network.

49. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 48, wherein the network comprises at least one of: a local-area network, a wide-area network, an Internet ~~and~~ or an Intranet.

50. (Original) The system of claim 49, wherein the computer receives access limitation data from a server connected to the network.

51. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the computer stores user login data for a predetermined time.

52. (Original) The system of claim 51, wherein the predetermined time is substantially a difference between a user login time and a user logoff time.

53. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
a cord for connecting the display to a remote server; and
an input device connected to the remote server via the cord, the cord for transmitting a command signal from the input device to the remote server and for transmitting a display signal from the remote server to the display.

54. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising: a telephone.

55. (New) A housing for an interactive computer system, comprising:
a tabletop with an opening;
a display oriented to be viewed through the tabletop;
a frame below the tabletop supporting the display;

a viewing orientation selector changing the orientation of the display parallel to the plane of the table top;

a base for supporting at least a portion of the tabletop, the base having a first end, a second end and a hollow section disposed between the first and second ends, the hollow section adapted for receiving a cord including at least one of: a network communication line, a telecommunications line or an electrical transmission line; and

wherein the tabletop further includes a second opening for receiving the cord from the base.

56. (New) A housing for an interactive computer system, comprising:

a tabletop with an opening;

a display oriented to be viewed through the opening in the tabletop;

a frame within the below the tabletop supporting the display;

an input device for changing the orientation of the display;

a base for supporting at least a portion of the tabletop, the base having a first end, a second end and a hollow section disposed between the first and second ends, the hollow section adapted for receiving a cord including at least one of: a network communication line, a telecommunications line or an electrical transmission line; and

wherein the tabletop further includes a second opening for receiving the cord from the base.

57. (New) The housing of claim 1, wherein the tabletop further includes a second opening for receiving the cord from the base.